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**USAID sponsors anticorruption
seminar for Bolivian General Comptroller's Office**

Personnel of the Bolivian General Comptroller's Office to receive training on audit procedures for projects financed with resources provided by the U.S. Government

As part of its strategy to support transparency and anticorruption in public institutions, the U.S. government, through its Agency for International Development, USAID, will sponsor a seminar for auditors from the General Comptroller's Office of Bolivia. This training will provide them with tools to carry out audits of projects financed by the U.S. cooperation agency.

This seminar is another contribution to the program of fight against corruption carried out by president Carlos Mesa and aims at generating higher transparency in the management of the resources of U.S. cooperation on behalf of Bolivia.

USAID's Director, Liliana Ayalde, said that the funds awarded to Bolivia by the U.S. government for over 60 years have been managed effectively. "A key factor for the achievement of good results is connected with the application of internal controls and modern audit norms," she said. The seminar, a combined effort of the governments of the United States and Bolivia, will promote practices to prevent corruption and non-authorized use of public funds.

During the three-day seminar, starting Monday, March 1, 75 auditors will be trained with the aid of manuals and guidelines outlining current regulations for USAID-funded projects.